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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

April 12, 2005

Whereas, The number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision; and

Whereas, Approximately 150 child passengers under sixteen are killed and 24,000 injured in automobile collisions each year in California and up to 71% of these children would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested car safety seats or safety belts; and

Whereas, Infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags and only about 60% of children in this group are protected by restraint use ON EVERY RIDE; and

Whereas, Crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from car safety seat distribution programs throughout California; and

Whereas, The State of California has ruled that until children are six years of age or sixty pounds, they must be restrained in child safety seats or boosters, in the back seat, when riding in motor vehicles and that all other occupants must properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts:

Whereas, SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for 25 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle:

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THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby designate the **week of April 10-16, 2005** as **SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK** throughout the County of Los Angeles.

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